



Attorney Docket No. 414.013

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

James E. CURRY, et al.

Serial No.: 08/598,457

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## Title: SPATIAL SOUND CONFERENCE SYSTEM AND APPARATUS

Group Art Unit: 2743

Examiner: X. Mei

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Action dated December 2, 1997, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and objections.

## In the Claims

Please amend claim 24 as follows:

24. (Amended) A spatial sound conference bridge comprising:  
at least two input ports for receiving at least two audio signals and at  
least two audio signal output ports; and  
a head-related transfer function unit connected to [the] at least one of said  
[two] input ports for imparting a head-related transfer function to [at least one  
received] a corresponding audio signal to impart a spacial component to said  
corresponding audio signal to produce at least one spatialized audio signal; [and]  
wherein